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**SPECTRAL PHOTOMETRY METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE
OXYGEN SATURATION OF THE BLOOD IN OPTICALLY
ACCESSIBLE BLOOD VESSELS**

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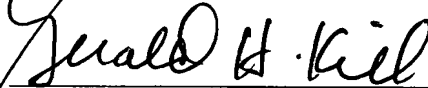
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